

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claims, to read as follow:

1. (Currently amended) A storage case comprising:

a case body;

a case cover;

a supporting plate whose one surface is provided with a holding segment for holding at least one portion of an object to be stored, the holding segment being disposed in a section of said one surface proximate, a base end of the supporting plate, the object being inserted into and taken out from the holding segment from a free end side of the supporting plate; and

a four-link mechanism including a first hinge pivotally supporting the case body and the case cover in an openable/closeable manner; a second hinge via which the base end of the supporting plate is pivotally supported by the case body in an openable/closeable manner such that the holding segment of the supporting plate faces the case body; and a third hinge and a fourth hinge via which opposite ends of an arm segment disposed between the supporting plate and the case cover are pivotally supported by the supporting plate and the case cover in an openable/closeable manner such that, upon opening or closing the case cover relative to the case body, the support plate and the case cover move simultaneously with one another, wherein when the case cover is being closed over the case body in a state in which said at least one portion of the object to be stored is held by the holding segment of the supporting plate, the object to be stored is rotated so as to be positioned below the supporting plate, whereby the object to be stored and the supporting plate become stored in a storing position of the case body, and wherein when the case cover is being opened from the case body, the stored object is rotated so as to be positioned above the supporting plate, whereby the stored object and the supporting plate are drawn out from the case body.

2. (Original) The storage case according to Claim 1, wherein the supporting plate is provided with a cutout for housing the arm segment when the case cover is closed over the case body.

3. (Previously presented) The storage case according to Claim 1, wherein the holding segment includes a circular-arc portion for holding a portion of an outer periphery of a disc-shaped recording medium; a low-height columnar portion engageable with a center hole of the disc-shaped recording medium; and a low-height circular pedestal for holding a peripheral region around the center hole of the disc-shaped recording medium so as to keep the disc-shaped recording medium in an elevated state from the supporting plate.

4. (Original) The storage case according to Claim 3, wherein the case body is provided with a circular hole engageable with an end of the columnar portion of the supporting plate.

5. (Original) The storage case according to Claim 1, wherein each of two sides of the case body is provided with the case cover, the supporting plate, and the four-link mechanism.

6. (Currently amended) The storage case according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of the case cover and the case body is provided with an accessory storage portion so that an accessory can be inserted into or taken out from the accessory storage portion, and wherein the accessory includes a booklet ~~such as a lyric sheet or an instruction manual~~.